

Solo Leveling

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SMITH!
HOW HAVE YOU
BEEN THESE
DAYS?

OUR STORE DOESN'T
ACCEPT RETURNS DUE
TO CHANGE OF MIND...

WHY DIDN'T
YOU COME TO
THE PARTY
YESTERDAY?




DID THEY...
LEAVE THE CITY?

BUT JINHO'S A
D-RANK COMBAT
HUNTER.

NOT EVEN A HORDE
OF CIVILIANS COULD
TAKE HIM DOWN.

SO IF THE CAR THAT WAS
SUPPOSED TO HEAD TO THE
BUREAU BEGAN TO DRIVE AWAY
FROM THE CITY, JINHO WOULD'VE
NOTICED SOMETHING WAS OFF
AND RESISTED...

THE ONLY CLUE
THAT THE CULPRIT LEFT
BEHIND IS THAT THEY'RE
SOMEONE FROM THE
"SCAVENGER GUILD."



THEN DID YOU
MEET UP WITH
MR. YOO?

WHAT?

HE LEFT AFTER
GETTING A CALL
FROM YOU.

A HUNTER FROM
THE SCAVENGER
GUILD, HUH...?

*COULD IT BE
HWANG DONGSUK'S
YOUNGER BROTHER,
HWANG DONGSOO?*



WAS HE WAITING FOR
US TO STEP FOOT IN
THE UNITED STATES...

...TO FIND OUT
THE TRUTH ABOUT
HIS BROTHER'S
DEATH?

JINHO AND
I WERE THE ONLY
SURVIVORS OF THAT
DUNGEON.

**YOU
BASTARD!**

**DON'T YOU
KNOW WHO
MY YOUNGER
BROTHER
IS...?! HOW
DARE-**

I'M SURE HWANG
DONGSOO SUSPECTS
US OF MURDERING
HIS BROTHER.

WHO KNEW
MR. WOO'S WARNING
WOULD ACTUALLY
COME TRUE?

I HIGHLY
DOUBT AN E-RANKER
LIKE YOU WAS ABLE
TO DEFEAT A B-RANK
HUNTER LIKE KANG
TAESHIK...

...BECAUSE I DON'T
THINK IT'S HELPFUL TO
SUSPECT YOU AGAIN OF
REAWAKENING.

HOWEVER, I'M
JUST LETTING YOU
KNOW...

SINCE YOU WON'T
LAST LONG IF YOU'RE
NOT CAREFUL.

THE INCIDENT
WHERE HWANG
DONGSUK'S SQUAD
WAS WIPED
OUT.

THE ONLY
SURVIVORS OF THAT
DUNGEON WERE YOU
AND A D-RANK
HUNTER.

BUT THE
PROBLEM IS, HWANG
DONGSUK'S YOUNGER
BROTHER IS THE HUNTER,
HWANG DONGSOO. CHANCES
ARE, YOU TWO NOW HAVE
A TARGET ON YOUR
BACKS.

ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT S-RANK
HUNTER, HWANG
DONGSOO?

YES.

I DON'T REGRET
WHAT I DID BACK
THEN, BUT...

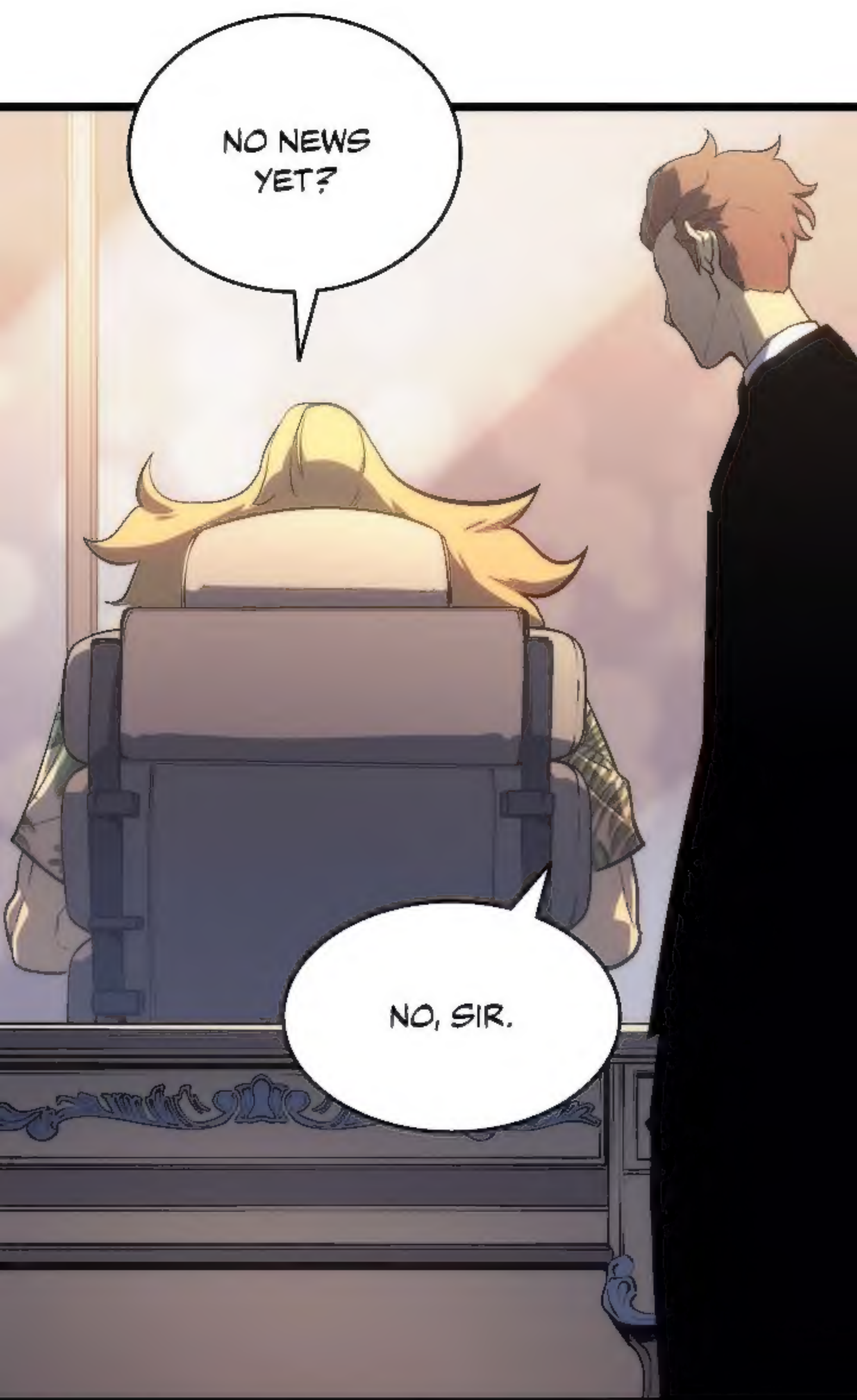
IT'S NOT THAT
THE CHAIRMAN
DIDN'T LOVE
YOU.


HE JUST HAD
HIGH EXPECTATIONS
BECAUSE HE LOVED
YOU SO MUCH.

YOU'RE
BREAKING MY
HEART.

...THIS WOULD'VE
NEVER HAPPENED IF
I HAD JUST ASSIGNED
A SOLDIER TO GUARD
JINHO.

IF SOMETHING
WERE TO HAPPEN
TO HIM...






DOES HE
NOT VALUE HIS
LIFE?


NO, MR. HWANG
IS AN S-RANK
HUNTER.

HE MUST KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE IN
POWER BETWEEN
HIM AND SUNG
JINWOO.



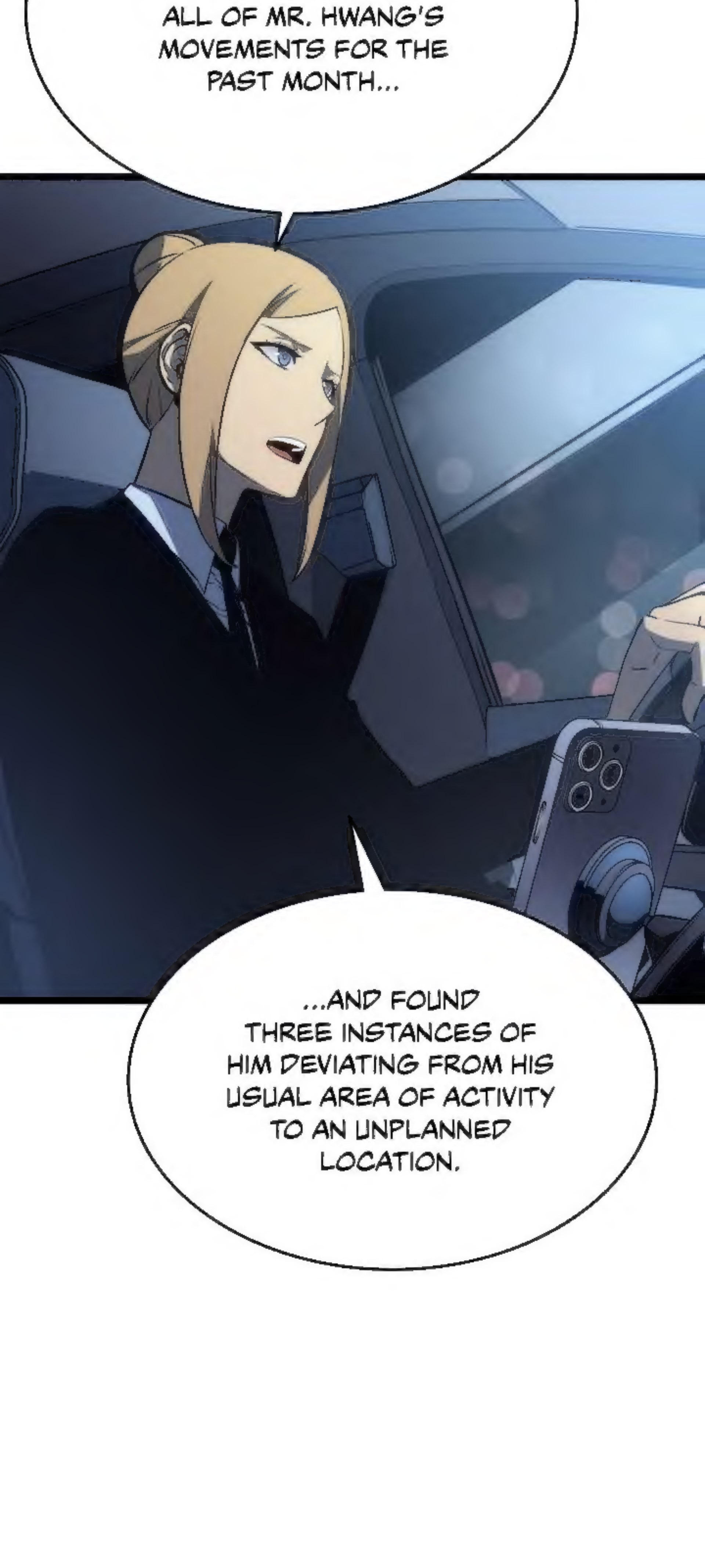
SO THE FACT
THAT HE STILL
DID SOMETHING
SO RECKLESS
MEANS...

...HE KNOWS
I'M GOING TO
STEP IN.




HAVE I BEEN
TOO KIND TO
MY HUNTERS?

HOW
ARE THINGS
LOOKING,
LAURA?



USING RECORDS FROM
THE BUREAU, I ANALYZED
ALL OF MR. HWANG'S
MOVEMENTS FOR THE
PAST MONTH...


...AND FOUND
THREE INSTANCES OF
HIM DEVIATING FROM HIS
USUAL AREA OF ACTIVITY
TO AN UNPLANNED
LOCATION.



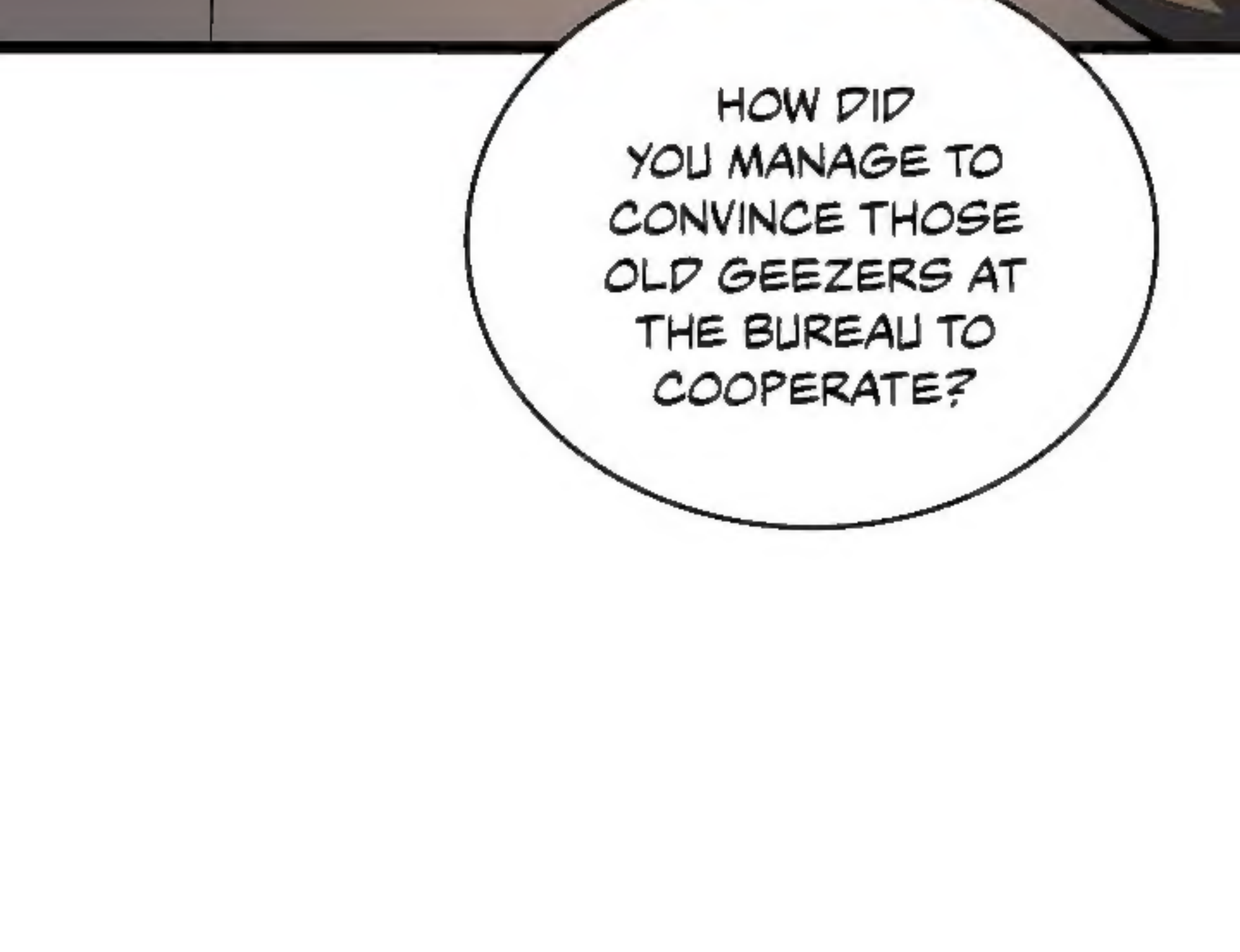
SEND
ALL OF OUR GUYS
TO THAT PLACE. I'LL
HEAD OVER THERE
AS WELL.



UNDERSTOOD,
SIR.



BY THE WAY...



HOW DID
YOU MANAGE TO
CONVINCE THOSE
OLD GEEZERS AT
THE BUREAU TO
COOPERATE?

I TOLD THEM THAT
THERE MIGHT BE A CLASH
BETWEEN YOU AND SUNG
JINWOO IF WE DON'T FIND
HWANG DONGSOO
RIGHT AWAY.

ALL MEMBERS
OF THE SCAVENGER
GUILD ARE ON THE
MOVE!

ALL 100 OF
THEM?

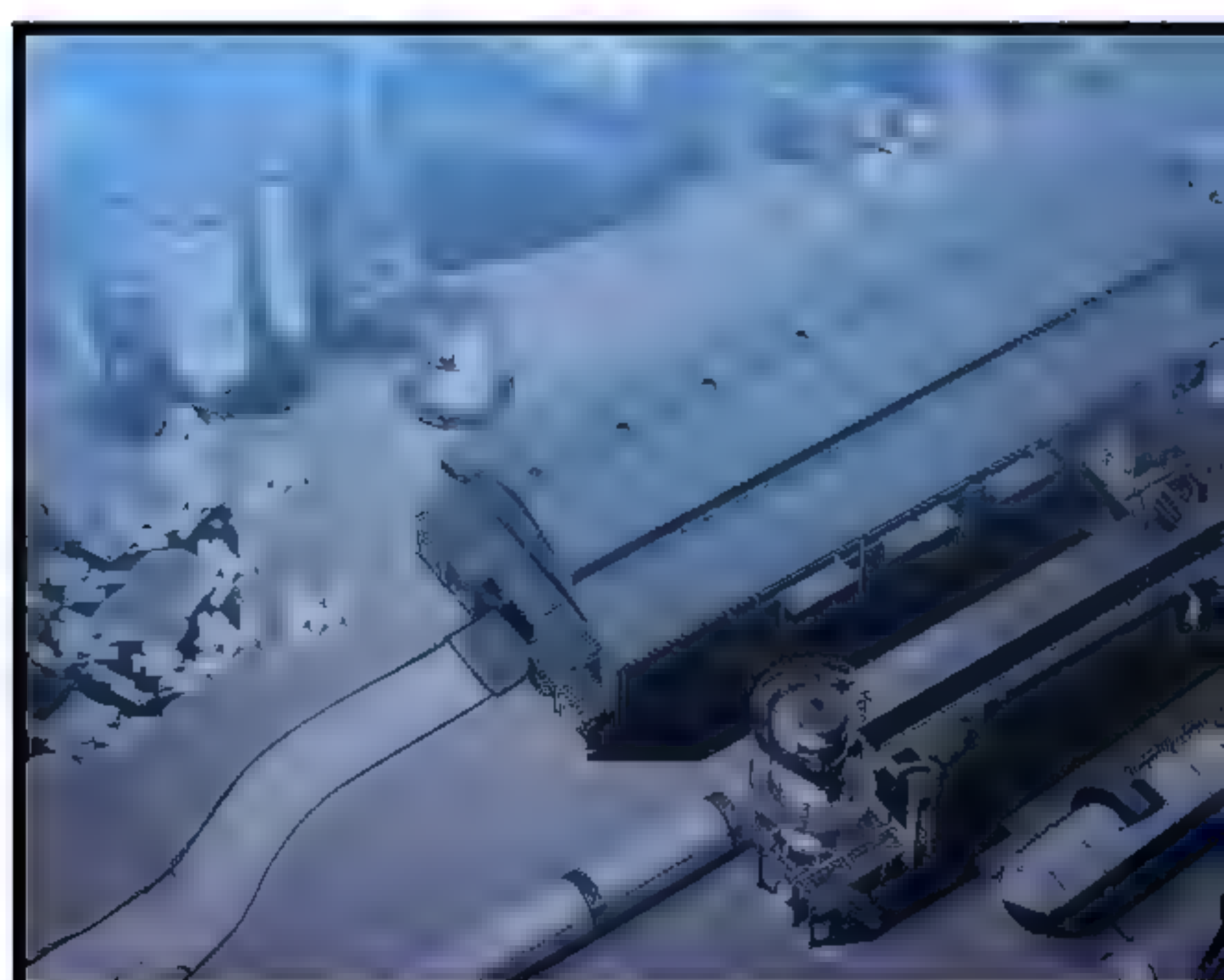
YES, SIR. THEY
EVEN CANCELED
THEIR SCHEDULED
RAID JUST NOW.

ALL OF THEIR
HUNTERS ARE HEADED
SOMEWHERE.

IF THE ENTIRE
SCAVENGER GUILD
WAS DEPLOYED, THAT
MEANS... THOMAS
ANDRE IS THE ONE
GIVING ORDERS.

THIS IS
NO TRIFLING
MATTER.


WHAT THE HELL...
IS GOING ON?





ARE YOU
SURE THIS IS
OKAY?





I'M NOT GONNA
DO ANYTHING BAD
TO HIM.

THERE'S JUST
ONE THING I NEED
TO KNOW.

THE GUILD MASTER
WARNED ME NOT TO MESS
WITH SUNG JINWOO, BUT...

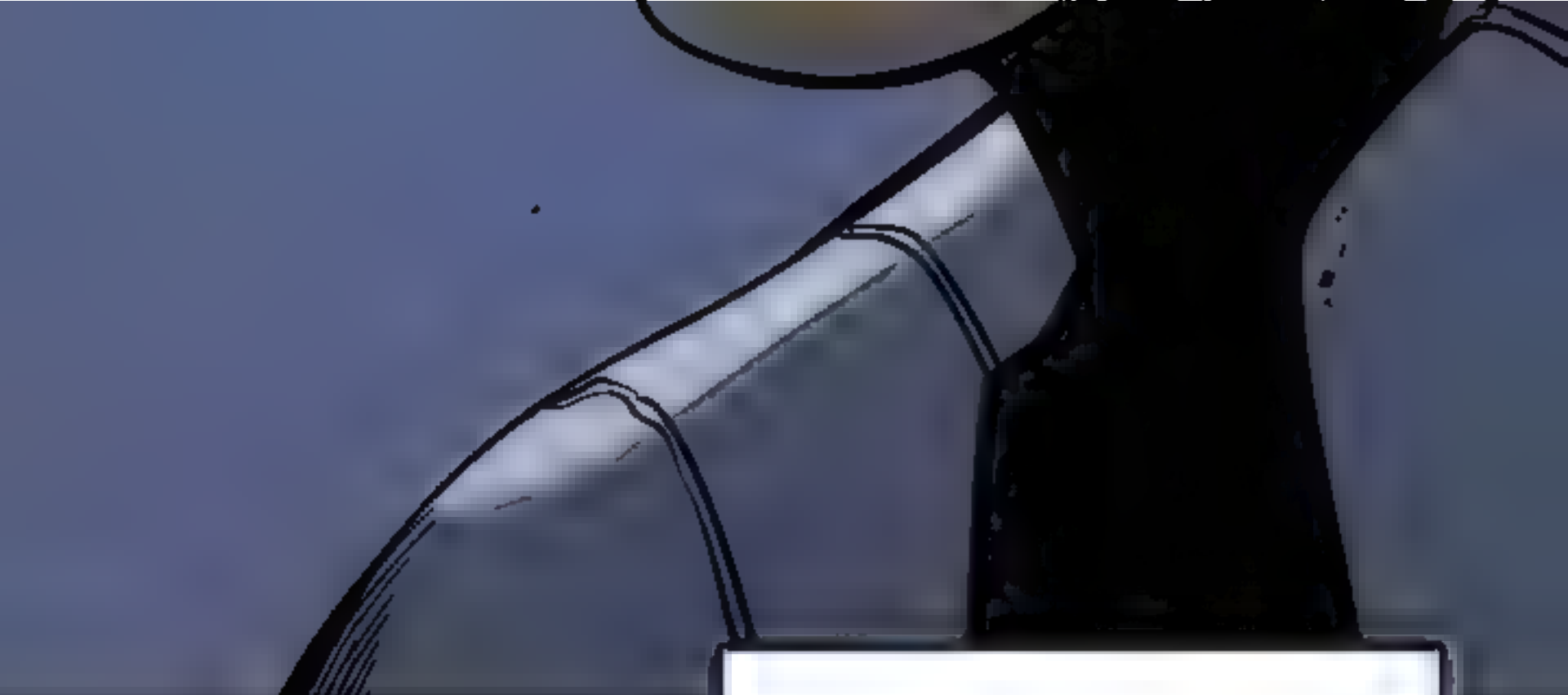
...I WAS NEVER GOING
TO START SOMETHING
WITH HIM.



AFTER ALL, THERE'S ONE
OTHER PERSON WHO CAN
ANSWER MY QUESTION.


I SAID I'D LET HIM GO
IF HE TOLD ME THE TRUTH
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
TO MY BROTHER IN THE
DUNGEON THAT DAY.





THERE'S ONLY ONE
ANSWER I WANT
TO HEAR.

**"SUNG JINWOO
KILLED YOUR
BROTHER."**



I'LL HAVE NO
FURTHER BUSINESS
WITH YOO JINHO ONCE
I HEAR HIM SAY
THOSE WORDS.



HEY,
WAKE UP.

SLAP

I SAID,
WAKE UP!!

POW

I GUESS HE'S
A TANK ALL RIGHT.
HE'S HOLDING UP
PRETTY WELL.

ANY AVERAGE
PERSON WOULD'VE
DIED ALREADY.

WHO WOULD'VE
THOUGHT A DOPEY-LOOKING
GUY LIKE HIM WOULD HAVE
THE GUTS TO HOLD HIS
TONGUE?

I APPLAUD HIS
BRAVERY, BUT BEING
STUBBORN WON'T GET
HIM OUT OF THIS.


SMASH



LISTEN UP.



I DON'T PLAN ON
KILLING YOU.

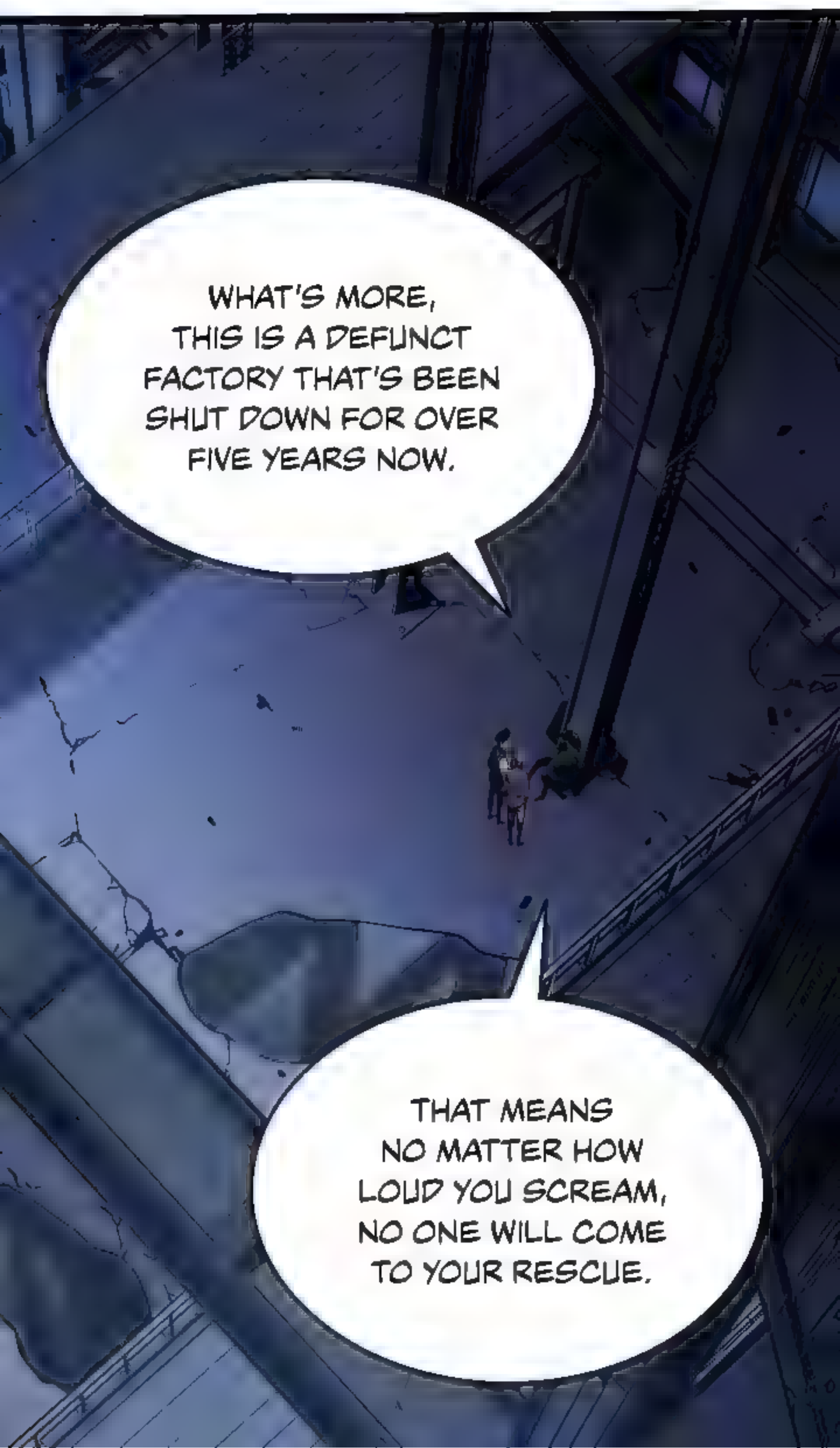


SEE THE GUY
GRINNING NEXT TO
ME? HE'S A PRETTY
SKILLED HEALER.

HE'S GONNA
HEAL YOU UP EACH
TIME YOU'RE ON THE
BRINK OF DEATH.

IN OTHER WORDS...
UNTIL YOU TELL ME
WHAT I WANT TO
KNOW,


YOU'RE GONNA
HAVE TO SUFFER IN
PAIN FOREVER.



WHAT'S MORE,
THIS IS A DEFUNCT
FACTORY THAT'S BEEN
SHUT DOWN FOR OVER
FIVE YEARS NOW.

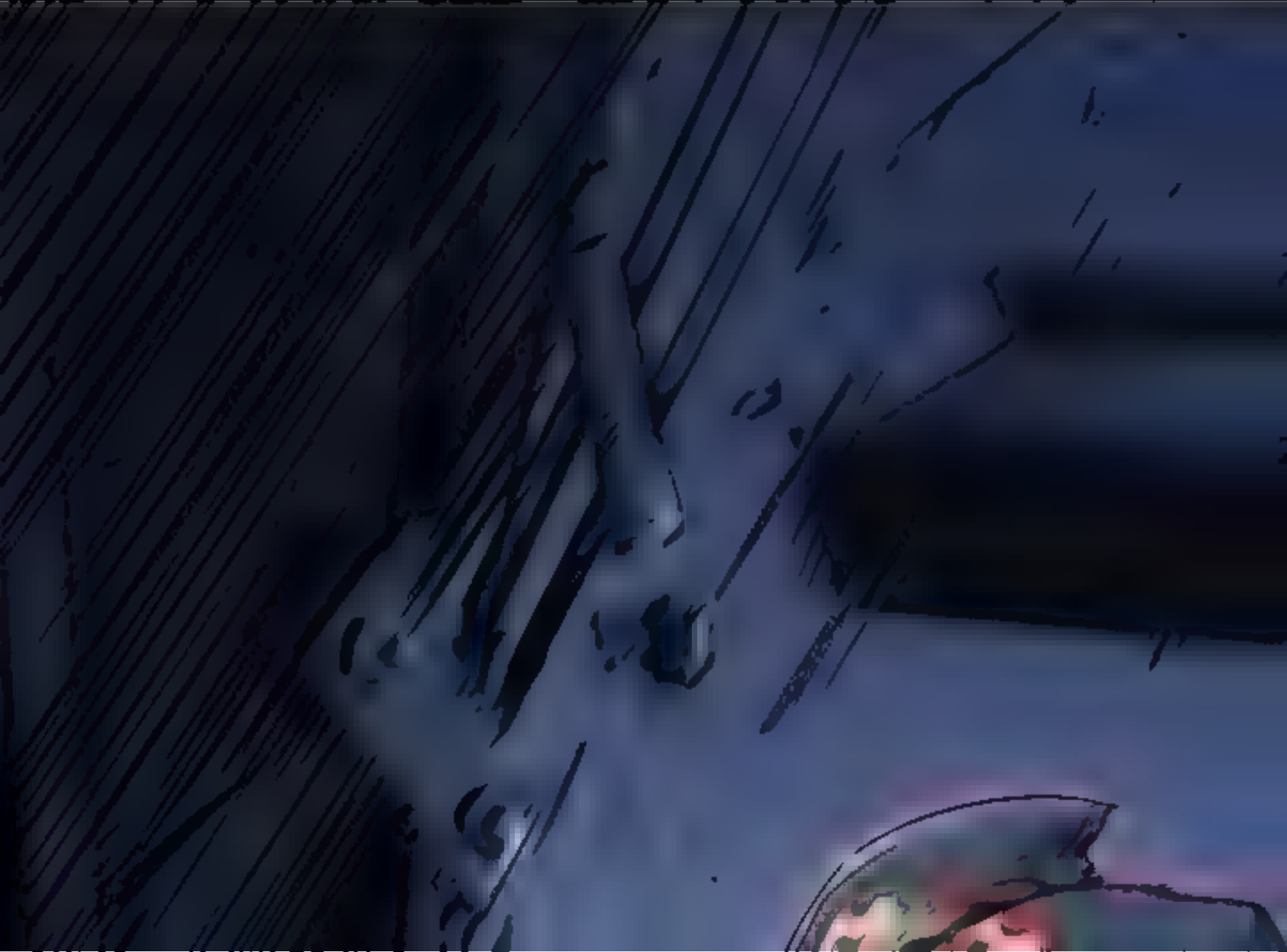
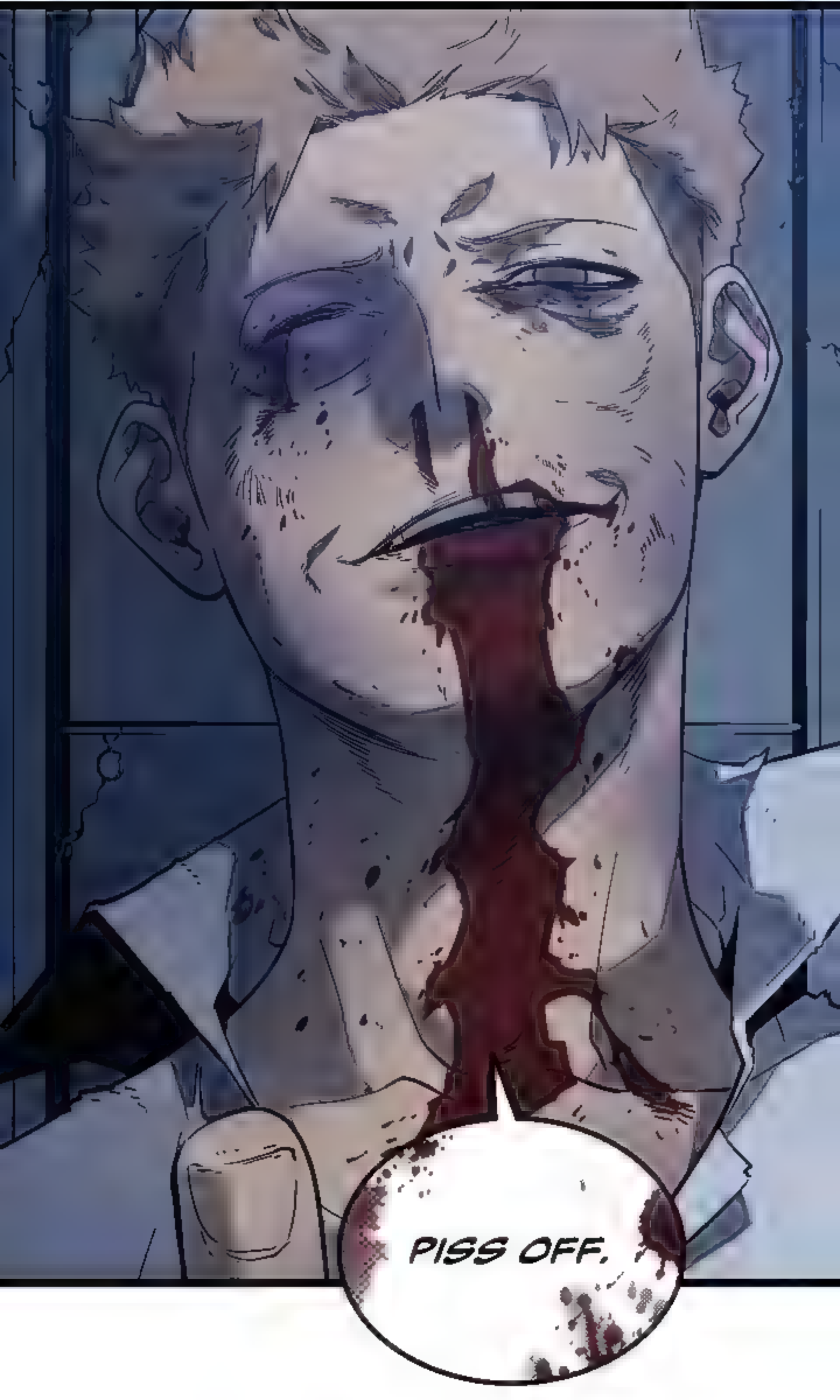
THAT MEANS
NO MATTER HOW
LOUD YOU SCREAM,
NO ONE WILL COME
TO YOUR RESCUE.

SO HOW ABOUT IT?
FEEL LIKE TALKING
YET?



...OFF...

WHAT?





EASY NOW,
MR. HWANG.

I DON'T WANT TO
GET SWEEPED UP IN
A MURDER JUST
TO MAKE A FEW
BUCKS.



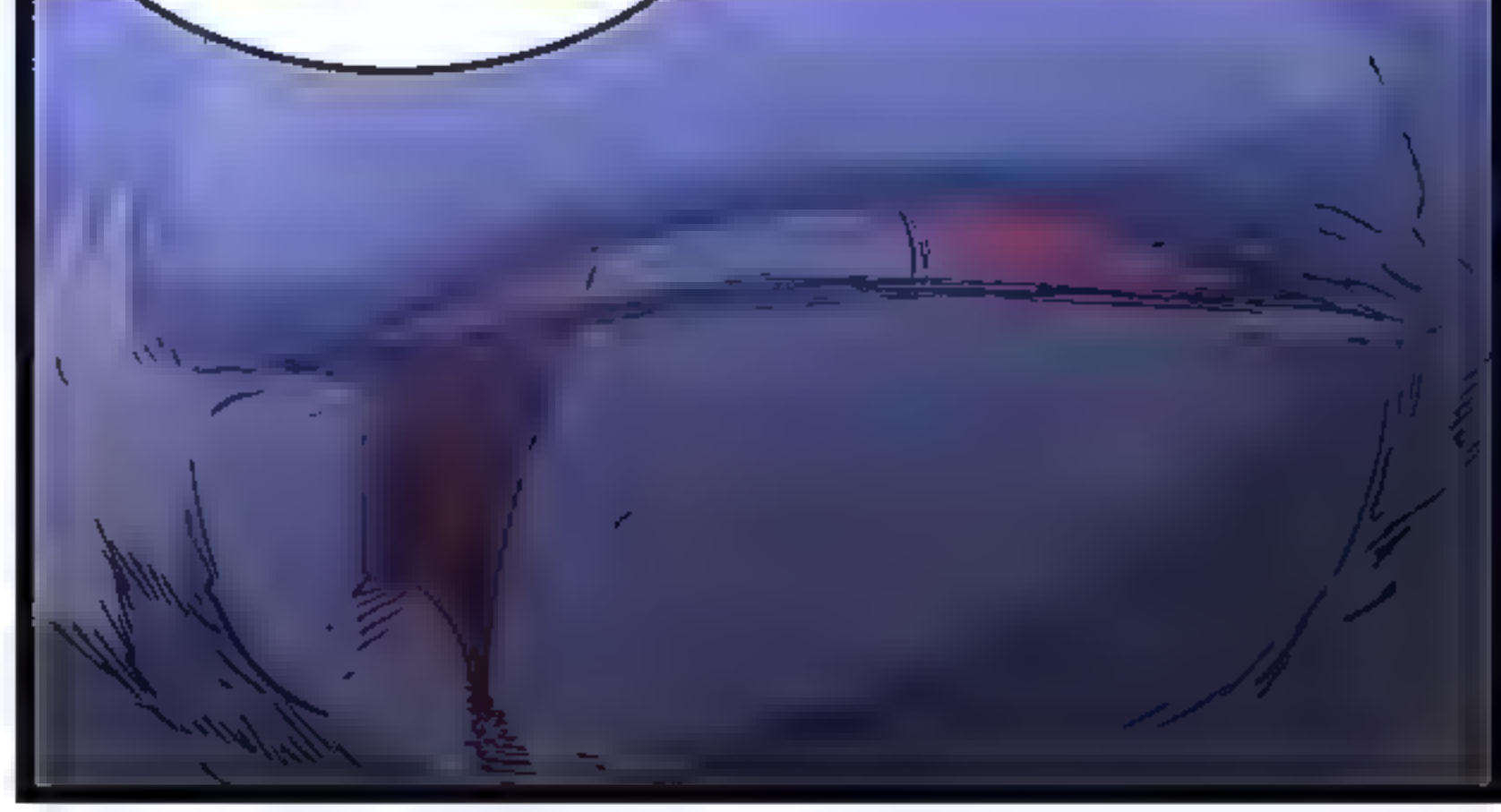
...I'LL BE MORE
CAREFUL.

WHY DON'T
WE CALL IT
A DAY?



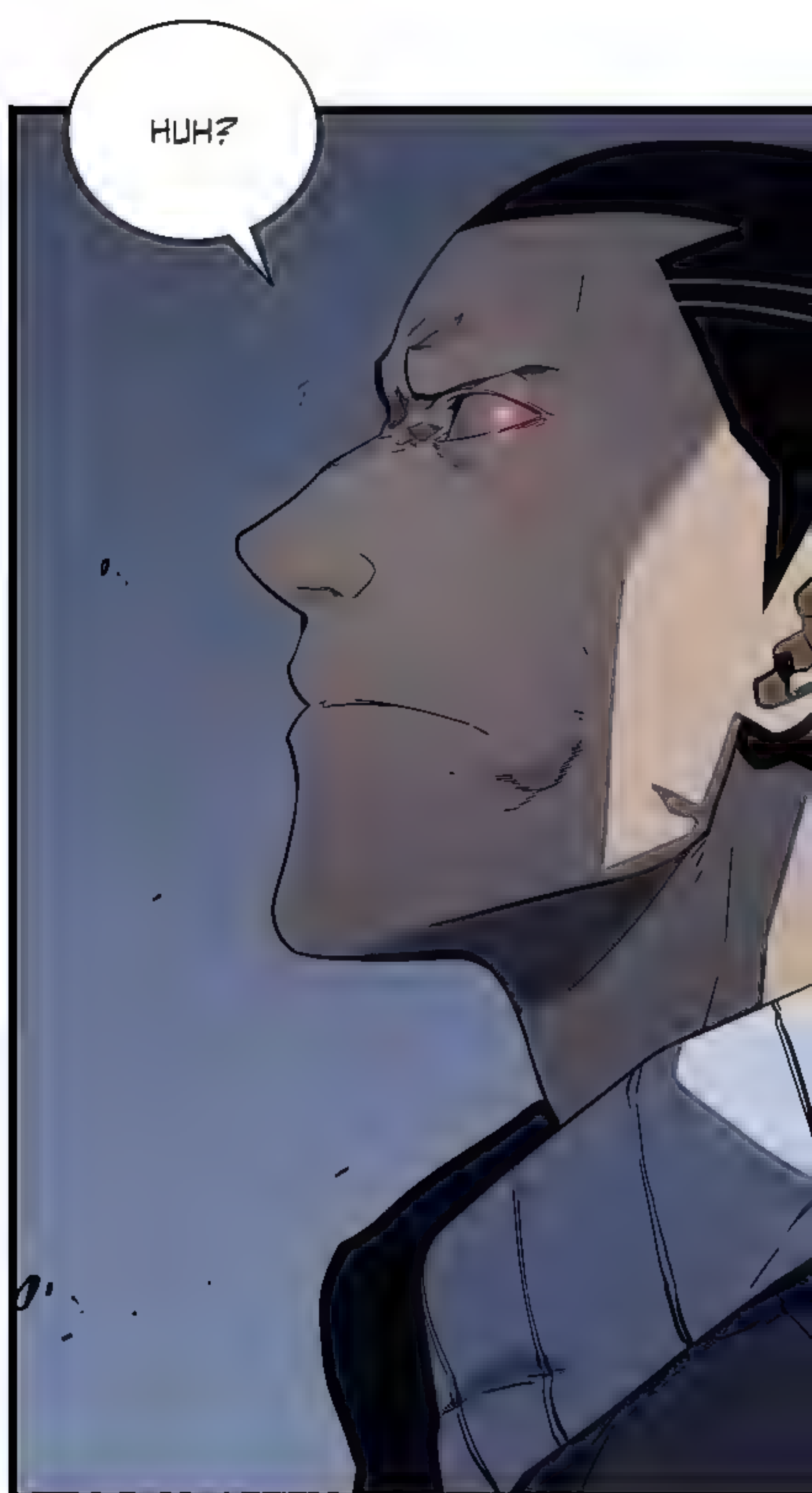
I THINK
YOU'VE TRIED
YOUR BEST.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



*I'M
JUST GETTING
STARTED.*







WHAT'S
THAT?



AN ORC?

DID A
DUNGEON BREAK
OCCUR NEARBY OR
SOMETHING?

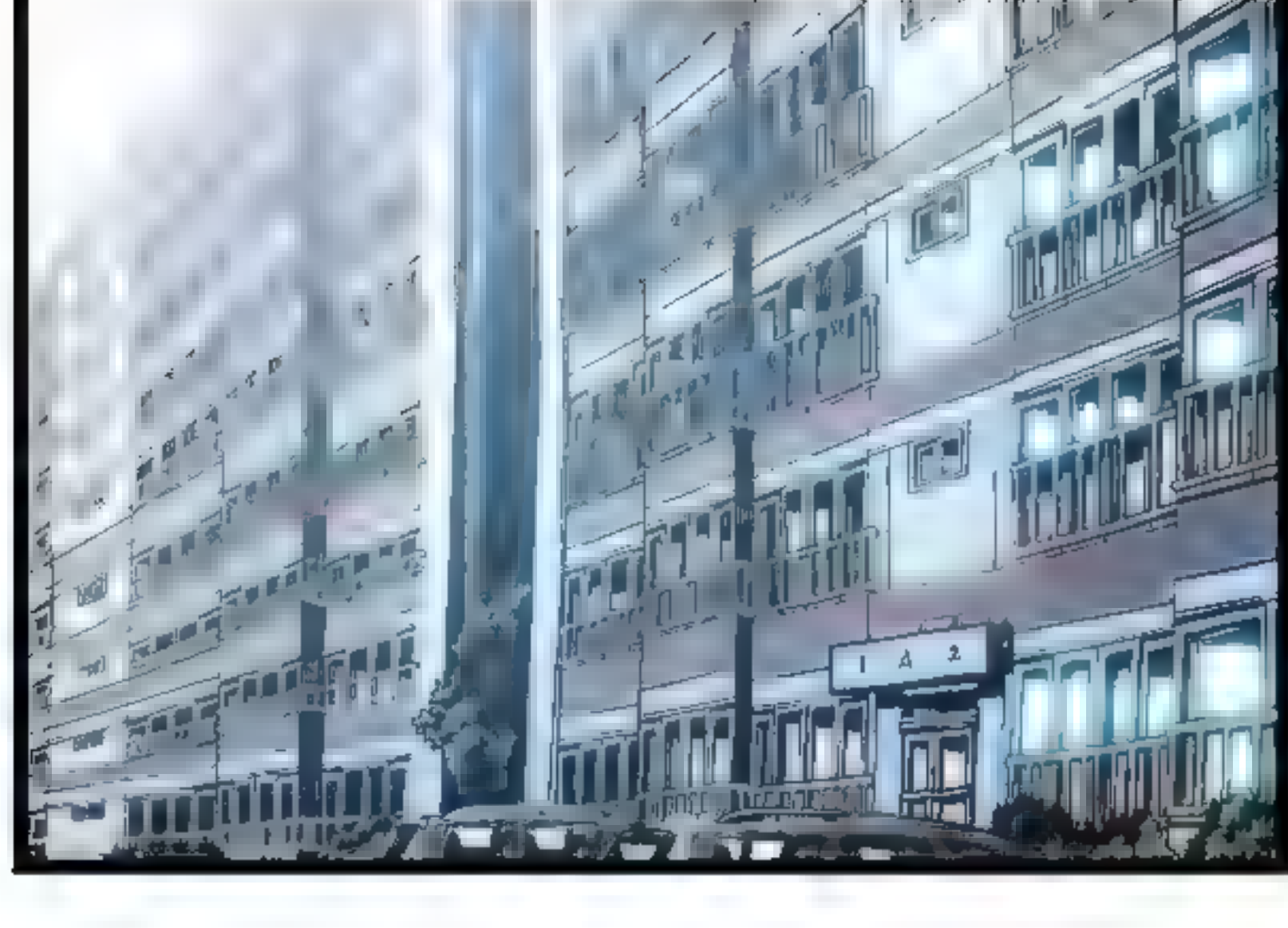
THAT'S
WEIRD...



I THINK THAT ORC'S
INTIMIDATED BY YOU,
MR. HWANG.

WELL, I DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
GAMES.







OH, QUEEN
MOTHER...

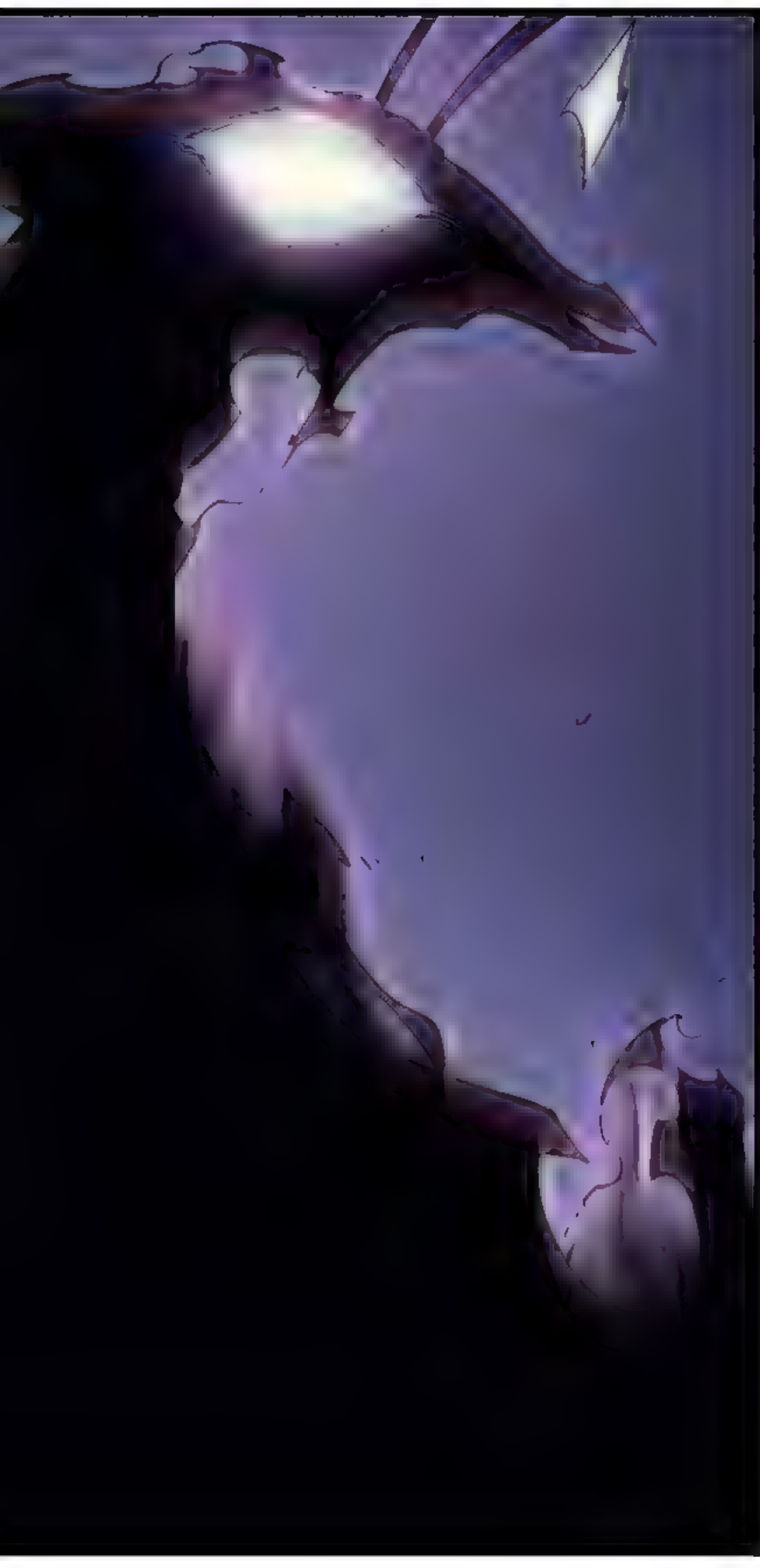
NO ONE WILL
BE ABLE TO SURVIVE
AN ACCIDENT THAT PUTS
HIS MAJESTY IN GRAVE
DANGER.

NEXT UP,
THE CONFERENCE HOSTED
BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU
OF HUNTERS...

LOOK, JINAH.
YOUR BROTHER'S
ON TV.

REALLY?

MY KING...!




THIS FEELING...



I'VE FELT
SOMETHING
SIMILAR ONCE
BEFORE.



**THE KING IS
FURIOUS.**




THERE HAVE BEEN
A LOT OF ACCIDENTS IN
THE DUNGEONS LATELY,
SO STAY SHARP OUT
THERE.

LET'S MAKE
SURE NOBODY
GETS HURT!

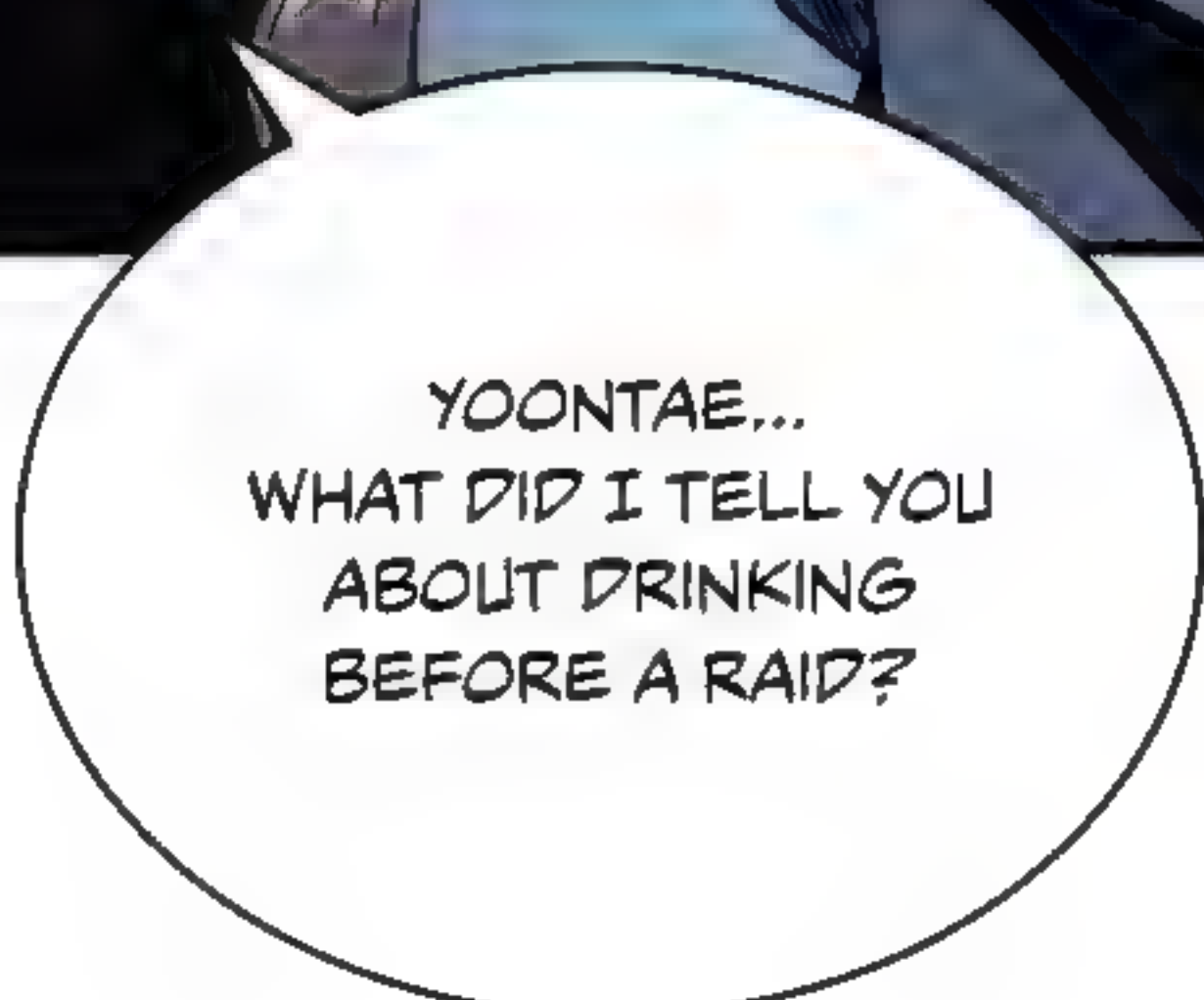
**YES,
SIR!**

WHOA!

HM? WHAT'S
WRONG?




B, BOSS! I SAW
YOUR SHADOW MOVE
JUST NOW...




YOONTAE...
WHAT DID I TELL YOU
ABOUT DRINKING
BEFORE A RAID?



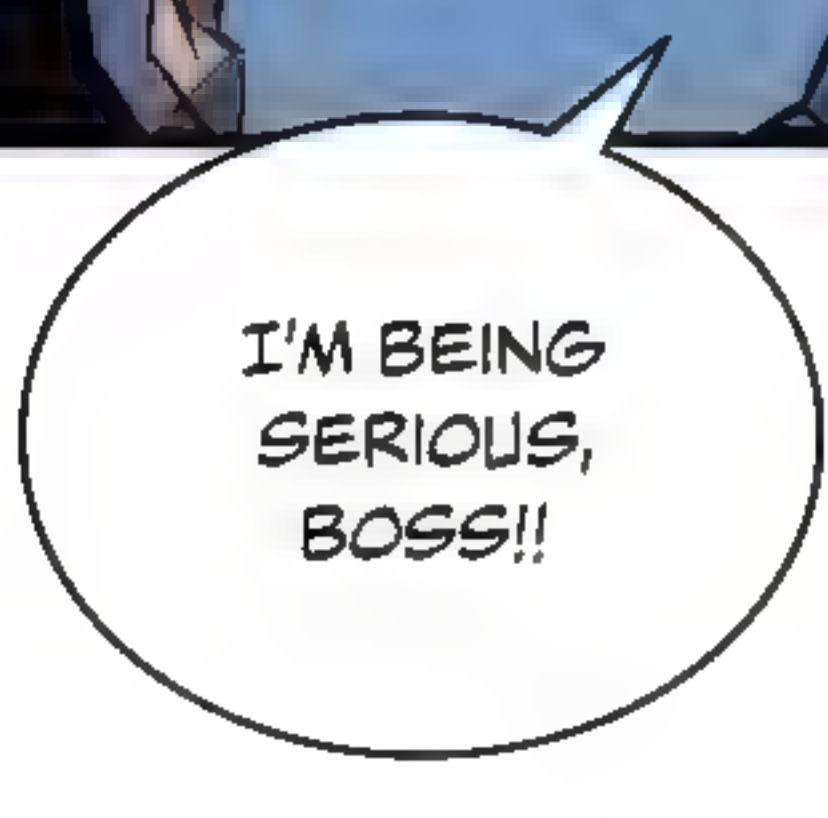
I DIDN'T DRINK
A SINGLE DROP
TODAY!



I SWEAR,
YOUR SHADOW WAS
TREMBLIN' LIKE IT
WAS ALIVE!



ALL RIGHT,
THAT'S IT. TAKE
THE DAY OFF.



I'M BEING
SERIOUS,
BOSS!!





**DAMN IT...
HAS IT ALREADY
BEGUN?**





SCREECH

**I'M GONNA
GET GOING FIRST.
FOLLOW ME TO
THE LOCATION!**



**YES,
SIR!**



CLANK

BAM

BLAST

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
GOING TO BE FLOODED
WITH DAMAGE CLAIMS
AGAIN TOMORROW...

YEP,
TELL ME ABOUT IT.
I WISH HE WOULD'VE
JUST TAKEN THE
CAR...





SPLURT





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